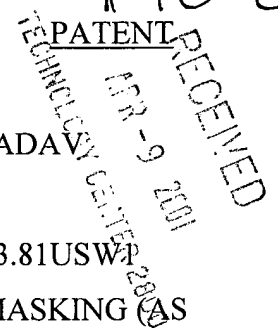


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 29, 2000, please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification

Please change the title to -- SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH METAL WIRE LAYER MASKING--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--A substrate 82 used for the IGBT 80 includes a drain layer 3 with P⁺ type, an n⁺ type layer 5 and an n⁻ type layer 7. Base regions 21 are formed in the n⁻ type layer 7, and source regions 23 with n⁺ type are formed within the base regions 21. The surface of the n⁻ type semiconductor layer 82 is covered with a gate oxidation layer 22.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Incidentally, a loss caused by switching arises as a result of a parasitic diode generated on a plane of a PN (positive-negative) junction 59. Japanese Patent laid-open publication No.